



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

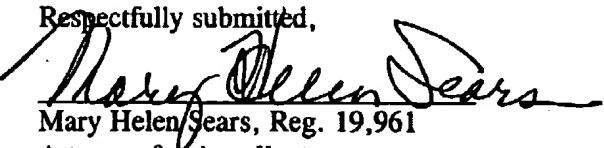
IN RE: U.S.S.N. 09/518,165)
FILED: March 1, 2000)
TITLE: METHOD FOR DETECTING)
PRESENCE OF TARGET)
BACTERIA OR A TARGET)
COMPONENT)
CARBOHYDRATE)
ANTIGEN THEREOF)
INVENTORS: V.A. Koulchin, N.J.)
Moore, E.V. Molokova)
and M.K. Fent)
GROUP ART UNIT: 1645
EXAMINER: Ja-Na Hines

**REQUEST FOR FOUR-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE APPEAL BRIEF AND TRANSMISSION
OF APPEAL BRIEF FEE**

Appellants hereby respectfully request an extension of time herein from May 11, 2004, the date on which the appeal brief herein was originally due, to and including Monday September 13, 2004 the first business day following Saturday September 11, 2004.

A check to cover the four month extension fee for a small entity of \$740.00 and the appeal brief fee of \$165.00 for a small entity (Total \$905) is appended hereto.

Respectfully submitted,


Mary Helen Sears, Reg. 19,961

Attorney for Appellants

The M.H. Sears Law Firm, Chartered
910 Seventeenth Street, N.W., Suite #800
Washington, D.C. 20006
Telephone: (202) 463-3892

09/21/2004 HVUONG1 00000075 09518165
03 FC:2254 740.00 OP

Adjustment date: 11/04/2004 AKELLEY
09/21/2004 HVUONG1 00000075 09518165
03 FC:2254 -740.00 OP

11/04/2004 AKELLEY 00000007 191027 09518165
01 FC:2255 265.00 DA 740.00 OP

Adjustment date: 11/04/2004 AKELLEY
09/21/2004 HVUONG1 00000075 09518165
01 FC:2453 -665.00 OP

JC545 U.S. PTO
03/10/00

THE M.H. SEARS LAW FIRM

Chartered

910 Seventeenth Street, N.W. Suite 800
Washington, D.C. 20006

JC511 U.S. PTO
09/510165
03/01/00

Mary Helen Sears
Thomas S. Hahn



Phone: (202) 463-3892

Facsimile: (202) 463-4852

Email Address: searshahn@aol.com

March 1, 2000

BOX NEW APP FEE
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Crystal Plaza 2, Mail Room 31B03
2011 South Clark Place
Arlington, Virginia 22202

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application for a METHOD FOR DETECTING THE PRESENCE OF TARGET BACTERIA OR A TARGET COMPONENT CARBOHYDRATE ANTIGEN THEREOF, together with a Fee Transmittal Form, a filing card to be returned to us, and a check for the small entity filing fee of \$393.00. A verified statement of small entity status by the Chief Executive Officer of the corporation having the right to receive assignments of this invention is also enclosed.

Please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment of the fee to Deposit Account 19-1027. A duplicate copy of this authorization is enclosed for these purposes.

Very truly yours,

Mary Helen Sears

MHS:jo
Enclosure

RECEIVED
MAR 1 9 2000
OIE/JCW